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GENERAL INTEREST

New National Recreation Reservation System On Its Way

On May 1, a Servicewide recreation reservation system for selected Forest Service campgrounds and group sites was put into effect. Mistix Corporation of La Jolla, California, is the contractor.

Reservations may be made by telephone (toll free) or mail, and payments can be by credit card, check, or money order. The contractor profits by charging the customer a separate service fee for making the reservation. The regular user fee will be returned to the Forest Service in full. The 5-year contract for this reser-

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vation service covers all or parts of nearly 400 campgrounds (about 8,000 family units and 300 group sites.) There are provisions in the contract to increase the number of facilities included in the reservation system.

The Intermountain Region has taken the lead for this Servicewide program, with our Recreation and Contracting folks playing key roles. Pat Sheehan, Director of the Information Office, will coodinate the public affairs activities.

Mistix is developing a marketing and promotion strategy for the system which will include three 30- and 60-second television announcements per week in market areas such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and Denver, aired through Mistix's parent company, Home Shopping Network.

SAVINGS TO THE FOREST SERVICE

We have been in the group site reservation system for many years and it has been costly in terms of the number of employees required to process reservations. This contract will free these employees for other work or we can choose to hire less people.

There is a direct savings by having Mistix handle all payments and refunds. It has been estimated that the costs for a Forest to process a Bill for Collection is approximately $35 and processing a refund is approximately $50.

Also, with Mistix collecting reservation money in advance, break-ins of campground cash boxes will decrease.

OTHER ADVANTAGES

We can better manage our recreation sites by reducing overuse. People can be told which popular campgrounds are full and can be referred to alternate sites.

Competition for group sites has been so keen, our customers have often had to wait in long lines to make reservations. With the new system, our customers can conveniently call, toll free, 360 days in advance for group sites and 120 days in advance for single family reservations.

Payments can be conveniently paid by credit card over the telephone or by mailing a check.

MISTIX'S CREDENTIALS

Mistix has been successfully providing similar services through contracts with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Colorado Parks, the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors and the State of Utah.

HOW IS A RESERVATION MADE?

The customer dials the toll-free number—1-800-283 CAMP (2267)—from anywhere in the Continental United States to reach a Mistix Reservation Operator. The trained reservation operator greets the customer and asks if the customer has a particular campground in mind. The operator enters the name of the campground into the computer and the screen immediately displays available sites, information, restrictions and location. The customer is asked, "What type of camping equipment and length of recreation vehicles will you be bringing?" The operator can then advise the customer of areas which can accommodate the specified equipment and vehicles.

If the customer doesn't have a specific campground in mind, the operator will ask what the customer is interested in and the facilities and opportunities he/she would like, such as boat ramps, electrical hookups, etc. The operator enters the search words into the computer and immediately receives a listing of campgrounds which meet the search criteria.

Once a camp unit and date have been agreed on, the customer is advised of the cost. The customer will then be asked for information such as name, address, telephone number, length of stay, number in the party, method of payment, etc. If a customer has used the system before, only his or her unique Mistix customer account number needs to be provided which shortens the process.

National Forests which have facilities on the reservation system, will receive a daily electronic "Date of Arrival Report" over Data General.

Cancellations can be made by calling Mistix on 1-619-452-5956. If family reservations are cancelled 14 days or more in advance, the customer will pay a $5 cancellation fee plus forfeit the reservation service charge. Under 13 days, the customer also will forfeit the first night's user fee. The time frames are different for group sites.

There are also processes and similar loss of fees for "early departures" and "no-shows."

Our customers have been telling us they want a campground reservation system. This partnership with the private sector will allow us to provide this service in a quality manner and at minimal costs to the Forest Service.

Regional Forester's Message

Marketing—Not a Four Letter Word

Marketing is a term somewhat familiar to most of us. For some, knowledge about marketing is limited to what little was read or studied while in school. In recent years, use of the term and the practice of marketing have grown. It's become the hottest buzz-word in the business world. Corporations now have divisions and vice presidents whose sole function is marketing. The number of marketing consultants has grown by leaps and bounds. The concept now is making its way into government, even the Forest Service. Region 9, Michigan State University and the Chief's Office sponsored a national conference on marketing in Lansing, Michigan, last December. Over 200 Forest Service employees attended, representing nearly all Regions. A second conference is being planned for the western Regions in California this fall.

However, many false perceptions about marketing still exist within the Forest Service. Many employees think it is contrary to our mission or professional judgment; some see it as promotion or salesmanship; others simply consider it a fad which will soon pass if ignored. None of these perceptions are correct. None of them reflect the proper attitude of a good Forest Service professional in search of new tools or ideas to help provide the quality goods and services expected of us.

Marketing focuses on the market—the exchange point between the goods and services provided and the customer. That may be a campground, a Forest road, a stream, or an office. For our mission of "caring for the land and serving people" to work, both sides of the equation need fair treatment. I know most of us are comfortable with "caring for the land." We were trained to do that. Unfortunately, we were not as well trained in "serving the people." Marketing is a tool that can help us bridge that gap. It's a different way of doing business, but it's a way that can help us over some current difficulties and improve the quality of goods and services expected of us.

Marketing is not a four letter word; it's a nine letter word that provides the Forest Service a tool to add balance to its mission. Marketing has arrived in the Forest Service and each of us must work to understand and apply its principles. Marketing is a discipline that can help us "care for the land" by "serving people."

Stan

J. S. TIXIER
Regional Forester

Marketing Is . . . Marketing Is Not

Technically, marketing is an exciting and dynamic business discipline. It's planning and executing a concept's development, pricing and promotion. It's distributing ideas, goods, and services to create exchanges that satisfy organizational objectives through customer satisfaction.

The concept is easily misunderstood. Perceptions are many and varied as to what marketing is and what marketing isn't; what it can and what it can't do.

First, let's deal with "what marketing is not:"

> ***marketing is not*** selling or promotion. Sure, they are involved but much effort must go into developing marketing goals and strategies before promotion begins. Quite often, selling and promotion are only a small part of the marketing package.

marketing is not inconsistent with the Forest Service mission or individual professions or duties. In fact, all natural resource agencies make marketing decisions every day. Unfortunately, we often make them in a vacuum, outside the framework of a marketing environment. As an example, we often make decisions to close

roads or restrict certain uses to protect or enhance some resource value. The decision may seem sound from a resource standpoint. We may have even discussed the proposal with some segments of the public. But, was it the right decision? What happened to the people who used the area before we closed it? Where did they go? How do they feel about what happened? The current or future user may seem satisfied, but was that the market segment we openly decided to cater to? These are common marketing questions that we seldom have answers to.

marketing is not just to increase use or the volume of business. Marketing principles can be used to reduce demand (demarketing), stabilize demand (synchromarketing), eliminate undesirable use (countermarketing), or maintain demand (maintenance marketing). The point is that marketing principles can be used to accomplish all our objectives.

The big problem seems to be recognizing why we have difficulties with the public over implementing our decisions. Why are the number of complaints, appeals, and lawsuits increasing? A recent survey of national retail outlets experiencing declining sales may give us some insight into the problem.

When asked why their business was failing, management and sales personnel both responded that their products were overpriced or not well promoted. However, the customers had a different reaction. Customers felt that the business had treated them poorly, provided bad service, or simply didn't care about them. Perceptions were obviously different. Correctly understanding the problem means marketing success rather than failure.

Marketing is a tool to help us understand the relationship between the products and services we provide and the customers we serve.

Wallace T. Shiverdecker
Public Affairs Officer
Regional Office

Review Fallout
NRA's To Be Managed As Showcases

A Program Review of the Flaming Gorge and Sawtooth National Recreation Areas (NRA's) was conducted during the summer of 1987. It was found that NRA personnel had done a valiant job of attempting to maintain NRA standards through a period of reduced funding and personnel. Yet, there were major shortcomings in managing them to the standard expected for nationally significant areas.

From Program Review findings, it was decided to give additional emphasis to meeting legislative and Forest Service standards. Commitment was made to manage the NRA's to a SHOWCASE level which would set the standard for recreation management.

One of the first efforts was to host a National NRA Symposium in Sun Valley, Idaho. It was held last fall and about 150 participants from the Forest Service, National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management attended. Discussions centered around the values of NRA's, how best to market and deliver visitor services there, what opportunities are available for public-private partnerships, and the future of the NRA system. Chief Dale Robertson spoke in support of the position that NRA's should be managed to SHOWCASE level. It was also brought out that NRA's should provide quality interpretive services, offer settings for new technologies and adventure sports, set examples of access to urban populations and the disabled, and provide opportunities for rural tourism and economic development.

An action plan to bring our two NRA's up to SHOWCASE level has been prepared and implementation is underway. The strategy is to achieve a SHOWCASE level of operation and maintenance within a 3-year time period; however, at present funding levels, it will take until 1998 to accomplish the backlog of rehabilitation and new construction needed. Although the plan identifies actions to achieve needed financing, we recognize that appropriations may not expand to the hoped-for level. Proposed actions include seeking partnerships, grants, foundations and other means to develop resources through outside sources.

Supervisors' and NRA staffs of the Ashley and Sawtooth National Forests have exceeded the "extra mile" over the past year in beginning to implement the action plan. We already are seeing the results of determining customer needs and then providing them, oftentimes with outside cooperation, in a SHOWCASE manner.

Bob Glenn
Recreation Plans and
Administration Officer
Regional Office

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Public Responds to Vegetation Management "Request for Help"

Vegetation Management Team

Over 250 responded to our public "Request for Help" regarding the Region's Vegetation Management EIS.

In January 1989, our Forests went to the public with press releases, and 2,900 copies of "Request for Help" were sent to interested people within the Region. Copies of the "Request" also were available at all Intermountain Region offices.

The EIS deals with a broad range of resource values and uses including timber, water quality, wildlife and fisheries, range, facilities, trails, roads, rights-of-way, transmission corridors, special uses, etc. Vegetation management activities may be designed to eliminate unwanted vegetation on special areas such as around signs or structures on electronics sites. They may be designed to change the composition of the plant community to improve values for a particular resource such as wildlife habitat. The EIS will help us develop criteria for selecting appropriate vegetation management activities as projects are planned and implemented. We anticipate releasing our final EIS towards the end of 1990.

The "Request for Help" was: (1) To notify the public of the EIS; (2) To gain needed public feedback especially about vegetative management concerns and what the public perceives the issues to be; and (3) To identify those interested in the EIS process.

THE "REQUEST" BROUGHT RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS:

(1) What are your thoughts about the nature and scope of the decision?

Of the 114 who responded to the question, 23 felt that the nature and scope were appropriate or would be with minor modifications.

RESPONDENTS SUGGESTED THESE CHANGES:

•22 indicated that noxious weeds were a problem and should be dealt with in the EIS.
•17 said the decision should leave the local program manager enough flexibility to make good decisions.
•13 felt that "unwanted and competing" vegetation should be better defined.
•5 said we should coordinate the project with federal as well as state agencies.
•4 felt that the EIS should deal with fuel loading problems.

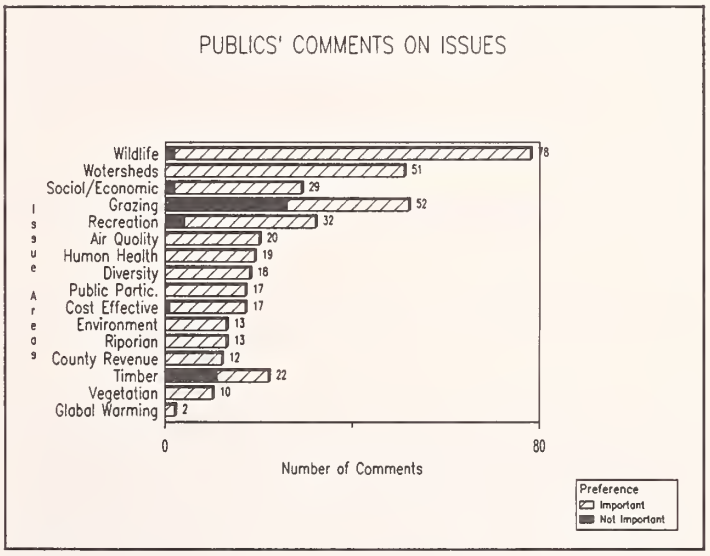
(2) What are your concerns regarding vegetation management?

Thirty-four responded with these concerns:

•10 wanted the Forests left alone.
•5 were concerned about the long-term effects of vegetation management and cautioned us to proceed carefully as we may not know the effects of today's management on tomorrow's resources.
•5 were concerned that vegetation management was to provide forage for cows and did not give enough priority to wildlife, soils and recreation values.
•3 stated that we should use good forestry management rather than nature managed forcstry.

(3) What issues/activities concern you about vegetation management? List the issues that really matter to you.

This question generated 405 comments. Some respondents indicated one or more issues important to them and many indicated what was not important to them or that should be de-emphasized on the National Forests. The following chart indicates the number of comments supporting an activity/resource and the number that had a negative comment or showed lack of support.



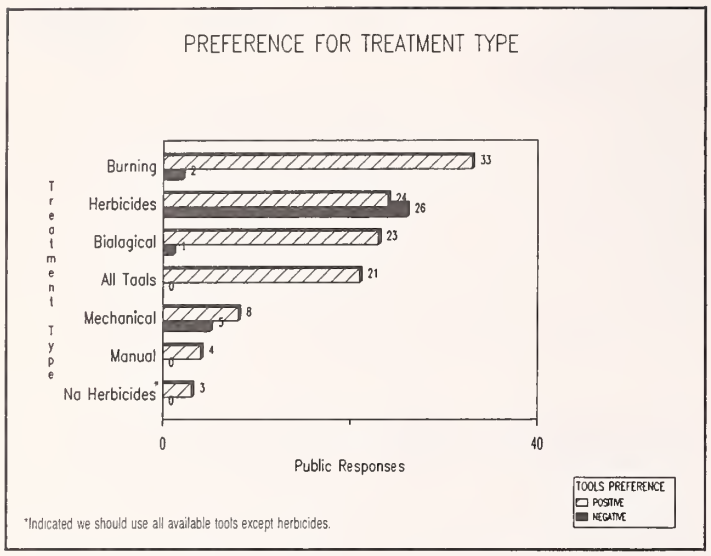
One hundred and forty comments were received regarding use of various tools in vegetation management. The chart on the following page indicates the number of comments supporting the use of a particular tool and the number that had a negative reaction.

(4) What are some of the specific needs for analysis or problems that need to be resolved in our planning process?

Of the 76 respondents, 19 reacted positively and 3 negatively.

Responses on the Process

•11 were concerned that the decision would be political or based on emotional arguments of a minority.



•6 indicated a concern for the long, costly decisionmaking process.
•4 stated that we should use current available research rather than rely on outdated literature or conduct research that has already been done.
•2 said the "Request for Help" had only allowed 30 days for the draft EIS to be reviewed and that was insufficient. One respondent felt we could combine into one the two time periods for public comment.

Responses on Needed Analysis

•5 said nonmarket values, such as recreation and wildlife, need to be quantified.
•5 saw a need to study the long-term impacts of vegetation management for livestock grazing on the watershed and wildlife.
•3 felt we needed to look at new methods for managing fuels to reduce fuel loading.

(5) What kinds of alternatives would be useful in developing the EIS?

Twenty six provided comments.

•5 favored an ecosystem preservation alternative.
•5 preferred an alternative that uses a mix of tools including chemicals.
•4 mentioned the need for a Human Resource Program alternative to reduce unemployment and get some vegetation management work done.
•2 favored an alternative that uses chemicals as a last resort.

(6) How do you want to be involved in the process?

Most respondents indicated an interest in future involvement. All except one indicated an interest in being kept informed of our progress and over 100 wanted to participate in workshops or planning groups.

Dick Pine
Public Affairs Officer
Vegetative EIS Team

Croft Flows

Over the years, Earl P. Olson, Geologist, Range and Watershed, Regional Office, has mapped and investigated several new slope failure processes. The first to be described was called Croft Flow(s). Earl gave the description of the process in Reno, Nevada, on March 20 at the 25th Engineering Geology Symposium. Copies may be ordered from FS INFO in a few months.

The name "Croft Flow(s)" was chosen as a tribute to A. Russell Croft and his many Forest Service contributions.

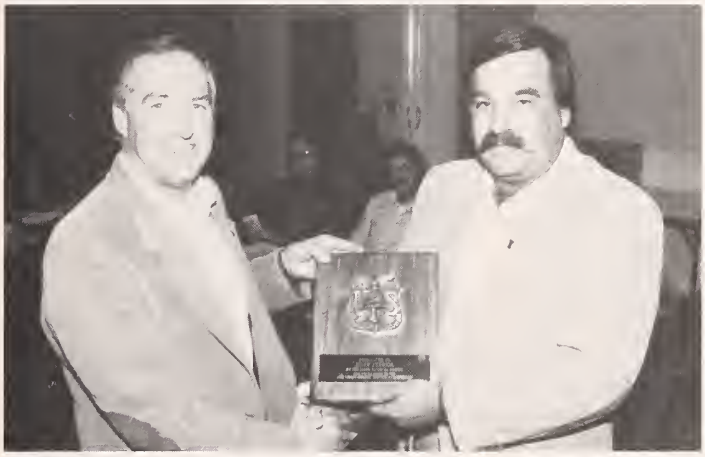
Professor Croft was the principal research investigator at the Davis County, Utah, Experimental Watershed from 1933 to 1950 and then he became Region 4's Director of Watershed. Our Information Office and Earl Olson encouraged him to write a history of the experimental watershed. The result was his "History of Development of the Davis County Experimental Watershed" which was printed in May 1981. This was Professor Croft's last major work after over 50 years of Forest Service research and administration.

Even when Croft was over 86 years young, with Earl's encouragement, he was assisting Earl with observations of the various slope failures on the Wasatch Range. He would call or come to Earl's office to eagerly report his observations. Professor Croft died on September 23, 1988.

Earl P. Olson
Geologist
Range and Watershed
Regional Office

Job Corps/Forest Service Partnership

Chuck Hardy (left), Administrative Officer for the Boise National Forest, presents a mounted Forest Service door knocker to Mack Ferrick, Director of the Marsing Job Corps Center. The plaque was presented for "Excellence in Continuing the Job Corp/Forest Service Partnership." Marsing Job Corps recently built a 24-foot by 200-foot boat ramp and a restroom facility at Arrowrock Reservoir on the Boise National Forest.



Good Neighbors

What would you do if you suddenly had several hundred people camping in your front yard, helicopters flying overhead, and a security gate you had to pass through to come or go from your home? That's exactly what happened this last summer to the families living in Forest Service housing at the Buffalo Ranger District compound and they handled it very well.

All the commotion resulted from the operation of a base camp for the Mink, Emerald and Huck fires. The base camp, dubbed "Mink City" by the new inhabitants, was in operation from mid-July to late September. While "Mink City" played an integral role in the fire suppression effort, it also had a big impact on the permanent residents.

For their extreme patience, cooperation and tolerance, the Baglien, Eckert, Gryson, Olofson and Smith families all received "Certificates of Appreciation" from Brian Stout, Forest Supervisor of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. John Baglien, Carol Eckert, Mike Gryson, Laura Olofson, and Dennis Smith also received "Certificate of Merit" cash awards for providing outstanding service to the Bridger-Teton's firefighting efforts during the extreme fire season of 1988.

Mark Van Every
Public Affairs Specialist
Bridger-Teton National Forest

Volunteers Complete Fish Habitat Improvement

Eleven Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited (ISSU) members volunteered to build 1 mile of New Zealand electronic fence around a section of Lake Creek, a tributary to the Secesh River, to improve summer chinook salmon fishery habitat.

The fence which was installed by ISSU, Forest Fishery Biologists, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will keep sheep from trampling vegetation around the streambank. Willows and other aquatic plants are expected to grow quickly which will improve streambank stability and reduce sedimentation into spawning gravels.

The project was completed under the Challenge Cost Share Program—the agency contributes funds to purchase equipment when a group provides the labor.

John Lund
Fishery Biologist
Payette National Forest

Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited members build a fence around a section of Lake Creek on the Payette National Forest.

FOREST NEWS

An Educational Partnership on Wilderness Trails

Dr. Richard Clark, a Ricks College biology professor and outfitter on the Targhee National Forest, was determined that his students would leave their two years at Ricks College with some exposure to hands-on field work and management issues. Ricks College has traditionally offered wilderness trips for students majoring in biology or recreation but the trips did not expose students to management issues. To fill this void, Richard Clark proposed a cooperative venture between Ricks College and the Targhee National Forest. The idea was simple: students would perform a service project supervised by Forest Service personnel. The Forest Service would benefit by getting enthusiastic volunteers to accomplish a work project. The students would benefit by being able to ask questions directly of Forest Service employees and by learning about field work by actually doing it.

In October 1988, Linda Merigliano, Wilderness Coordinator on the Teton Basin District, spent a day at Ricks College leading a discussion about wilderness and management issues. The next day the work began. Eight students gathered at the Fox Creek trailhead and manned pulaskis, shovels, saws, and rockbars for two days to build 877 feet of new trail. Linda and Wilderness Ranger Carole Lowe worked side by side with the students. While grubbing, sawing, and extracting rocks, the students learned about trail design, why the trail was being relocated and the daily routine of a Wilderness Ranger.

Professor Richard Clark works just as hard as his students.

Students from Ricks College extract rocks and build tread on new Fox Creek Trail.

Everyone agreed they had never sweat so much on a school field trip but they felt a great sense of pride and accomplishment in seeing the finished trail. All left with a greater understanding of wilderness field work and the complexity of issues facing wilderness managers.

Future plans envision Ricks College students being involved in other aspects of wilderness management such as visitor education, measuring visitor use, revegetating campsites, and monitoring wilderness conditions. Judging from the success of the 1988 program, the Ricks College/Forest Service partnership is destined to last a long time.

Linda Merigliano
Wilderness Coordinator
Teton Basin Ranger District
Targhee National Forest

Mixing Business and Breakfast

Wildlife small talk was "the special" on the menu at a recent "Biologists Breakfast," the first of what is to be a monthly event. Biologists and biologist-types from several agencies in the Uintah Basin (northeastern Utah) met in Vernal for breakfast and the chance for open dialogue about common goals, projects and challenges.

Sam Cuenca and Bob Hurley, Biologists on the Ashley National Forest, initiated the breakfast. "A lot of benefits come from people getting together to talk informally about their work," Cuenca said. "By talking to each other about our projects and sharing information, we seem to begin cooperating without it even being mentioned."

Five government agencies were represented: the Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

After a brief "welcome" and short explanation about the breakfast idea, Bob Hurley introduced Dick Sjostrom of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who showed slides on the current management practices at Ouray National Wildlife Refuge.

Conversation flowed freely around the breakfast tables. Things such as elk habitat, the population growth of waterfowl and control of whitetop and other weeds could be heard in various discussions.

"The proof of the breakfast idea will show up in the field," Dick Sjostrom concluded as he attacked a plate of ham and eggs.

Merle Young
Public Affairs Officer
Ashley National Forest

Sam Cuenca, Forest Service, and Dick Sjostrom and Keith Hansen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at the first Biologists Breakfast in Vernal.

Editorial Policy—*Intermountain Reporter*

The following editorial policy reflects the Regional Forester's desire to produce a quality Regional newsletter that enhances internal communications and helps make the Intermountain Region a good place to work.

1. Articles in the Intermountain Reporter will feature people.
2. Each issue will attempt to contain something about each National Forest within the Region.
3. The Regional Forester's message will express his current feelings regarding situations within the Region.
4. The content of the Reporter will be consistent with Forest Service policy.
5. All submissions must be delivered to the Editor by the 10th of the month prior to the desired publication date.
6. Articles should be sent to the Editor on DG (Editor:R04A). Photos to accompany text may be sent to the Editor separately.
7. Articles should not exceed 800 words in length.
8. Photos should be black and white.
9. All articles are subject to editing.
10. Not all articles that are submitted will be printed.
11. The Editor has final say over content.

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Stewarts are Stewards of Soil and Water Conservation

Clayton "Blackie" and Vera Stewart have been involved in management of the Grouse Creek Cattle Allotment on the Boise National Forest since 1946. Granted, this is not newsworthy, so why this long article about the Stewarts?

To start with, some background is needed. In an effort to combat degradation and the downward trends of soil and water resources, the DuPont Company, several industries, members of Congress, federal and state agencies, and different farm organizations established the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation Award on June 24, 1982. The award is privately funded through a nonprofit organization and identifies and honors farmers and ranchers who have taken the initiative to implement sound, cost-effective conservation practices. The hope is that this recognition of individual achievement will call attention to noteworthy conservation projects and prompt others to try and implement some of the practices used successfully.

Each year, a farmer or rancher is selected from each state for accomplishments in soil and water management and pollution abatement. Each state winner goes to the national competition where 10 finalists are chosen. From the ten finalists, three national winners are selected.

Well—Blackie and Vera, nominated by the Boise National Forest, were selected as the 1988 Idaho State winner of the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation Award. On January 30, 1989, in a Statehouse ceremony, Governor Cecil Andrus presented them with a plaque for their outstanding conservation practices.

The Grouse Creek Cattle Allotment has 25,748 acres of which 17,678 acres are National Forest land; 8,070 are on State and private lands. The Stewarts have a term permit to graze 185 cattle on this allotment from June 1 to October 31. They also have a private land term permit for 63 head of cattle.

The Grouse Creek Allotment is on the Boise Ranger District and is administered by Range Conservationist Bob Carpenter. Through his guidance and help from Steve Spafford, also a Range Conservationist, many range improvements were made. In 1972, a four pasture rest-rotation system was implemented. Over the years, Blackie has installed approximately 110 spring improvements using old construction tires as watering troughs. An excellent salting program has been developed where only one-half of a salt block is used at approximately 140 salt grounds. Placement of the salt blocks changes slightly each year. The secret to Blackie's success is the availability of water and salt which scatters the cattle through the particular pasture in use.

In addition, both Blackie and his hired rider "live" with the cows during the summer. They have a rider's camp located in the middle of the allotment. There you will find a tent, a small corral, a watering trough for the horses, and some pipe for spring developments. "Home Sweet Home!" Blackie usually brings home all his cows and calves, with the calves weighing around 600 pounds. His objective is to produce pounds of beef. He says that numbers are not important—it is the weight of each calf that counts.

So now you know about the award, and you know about Blackie, and you know about the cattle allotment; but what about wildlife and the ever-so-popular riparian area?

By keeping the cattle well distributed throughout the pastures, the allotment is on an upward trend. Watering and salting areas are not trampled and sediment flows into the stream system have been reduced. (The Grouse Creek Allotment is along the south side of the Middle Fork of the Boise River which flows into Arrowrock Reservoir.) In addition, wildlife has benefited. In the past, there may have been just a trickle of water or only a wet spot where now there is a facility that will hold water for deer, elk, birds, and bear. Bear have had a hey-day with the tire troughs. Some of Blackie's favorite stories are about bear taking baths in the tires, splashing water until the troughs are dry, and never once damaging the improvement. A range improvement with very little maintenance is a permittee's and Range Conservationist's dream come true!

Well, there you have it—an American success story and it is true, right here in Idaho.

Mary Clark
Range Conservationist
Boise Ranger District

"Blackie" Stewart (right) tells Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus about his range allotment improvements that merited the Soil and Water Conservation Award. Mrs. Stewart holds that plaque which has just been received in a Statehouse ceremony.

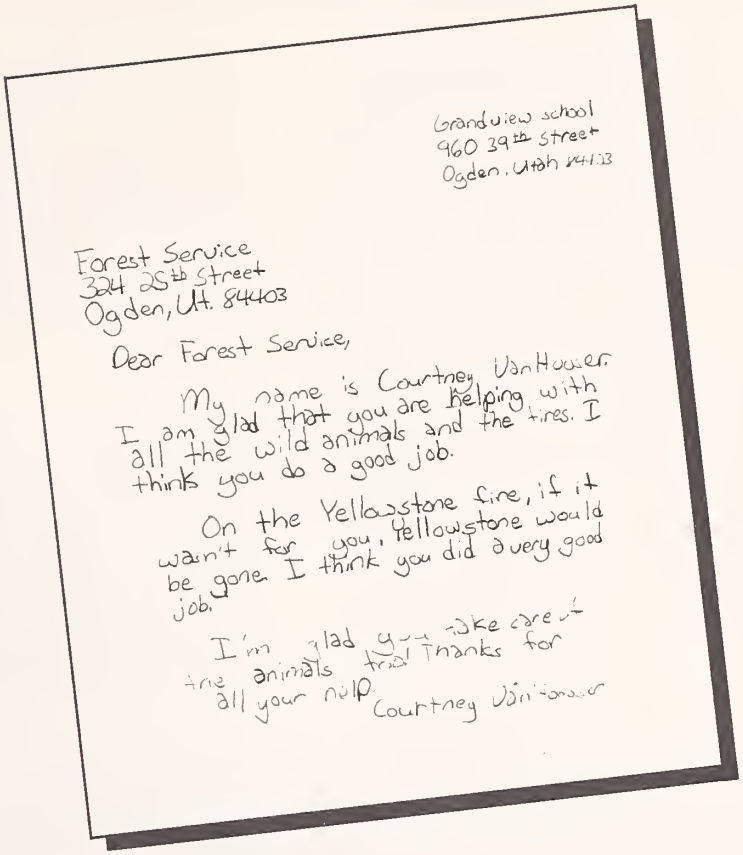
Teach a Child and....

The Ogden Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, likes to get involved with the public in a variety of ways. Among other things, Caroline Wraith, District Information Assistant, visits local elementary schools to promote fire prevention and forest conservation.

For the younger grades, she tells Smokey's story and then talks about the hazards and benefits of fire. Smokey always makes a grand entrance to add his personal emphasis to the importance of fire prevention.

The widespread news coverage of the 1988 fires in the Yellowstone area laid the groundwork for teaching the older students about wildfire.

Caroline gets involved with the students, but they get involved right back. After her presentation, she asks each of them to either draw or write about something they learned about fires that day. Caroline then displays these drawings or writings in the Information Office in the Ogden Federal Building.


Grandview school
960 39th Street
Ogden, Utah 84403

Forest Service
324 25th Street
Ogden, Ut. 84403

Dear Forest Service,

My name is Courtney VanHouser. I am glad that you are helping with all the wild animals and the fires. I thinks you do a good job.

On the Yellowstone fire, if it wasn't for you, Yellowstone would be gone. I think you did a very good job.

I'm glad you take care of the animals too. Thanks for all your help.

Courtney VanHouser

Smokey was such a hit at Clinton Elementary School that the first graders decided to do portraits of him; the other art came from the rest of the grades. Caroline Wraith, Information Assistant for the Ogden Ranger District, smiles with pleasure at all the students' artwork she has on display.

FOREST NEWS

Doing More With Trail Dollars

The National Recreation Strategy opens the door for American people to become "personally involved" in management of their National Forests through partnerships and volunteering. The Salmon River Backcountry Horsemen have been involved for several years; this summer was no exception.

The Clear Creek trailhead was improved last May. The June project included construction of a trailhead at Sheep Creek and July found the group constructing a trail at the head of the South Fork of Sheep Creek. For these projects, the Forest Service furnished the materials; the Backcountry Horsemen volunteered their labor and the taxpayers benefited by new and improved trails and trailheads at a very low cost. Good meals and fireside conversations are always the aftermath to the labor for the "Horsemen" who take part.

Clint Groll
District Ranger
Cobalt Ranger District
Salmon National Forest

Galen Kossler constructs the access trail to the Clear Creek Trailhead, while Buster Light puts on the finishing touches with a shovel.

Mary and Margie Light and Martha Crowl complete their project of renovating the toilet by adding more posters to the bulletin board.

Using a drawknife, Bob Hendricks shows Connie and Al Walter and Laura Hendricks how to prepare a pole for a hitchrack.

High Schoolers Introduced to the Great Outdoors

"This type of program gives kids a motivational shot in the arm."

Some adventurous high school students gathered in McCall last June for what was an exciting first in many of their lives. Some of the kids didn't even know what a National Forest was.

The Payette and Boise National Forests hosted 18 minority youth at a camp adjacent to the shores of Payette Lake. The kids came from the Nez Perce community of Lapwai, and Boise, Weiser, and a few other small towns.

"The camp was a fun way to show minority students different Forest Service jobs and to perhaps spark their interest in a career in natural resources," said David Olson and Cathy Andersen, co-camp directors. "This camp was one more step toward workforce diversity and toward meeting the needs of the many different people who might, or do, come to National Forests for work and play."

At first, everyone was quiet and shy, but through the artful direction of Pam Gardner, environmental education coordinator, and the rest of the staff, the noise level began to pick up. Day and evening activities highlighted timber, fire, cultural resources, fisheries, geology, mining, ski area management, trail bike use, camping, and even a canoe trip!

The hard working staff (substitute Mom's and Dad's) included those mentioned earlier plus Larry Donohoo, Linda Fitch, Laurie Fink, Yolanda Barnett, Dean Martens, Barbara Forderhase, and Ray Moore. Special help was received from Roland Shaw, Boise National Forest, who helped coordinate the event.

"This type of program gives kids a motivational shot in the arm," said the co-camp directors.

Dave Olson
Public Affairs Officer
Payette National Forest

Fishing in Upper Payette Lake is part of the camp experience.

Dave Olson, a co-camp director, watches as a camp enrollee learns to use a map and compass.

Linda Fitch, camp work leader, interacts with camp enrollees.

Challenging the Sawtooth Slopes

Gusty winds of up to 25 miles an hour and blinding snow did nothing to dampen the spirit or determination of Magic Valley residents who came to the Sawtooth National Forest to take part in a downhill ski instruction clinic. Getting there was the first challenge—most of them arrived on crutches or in wheelchairs.

Handicapped Ski Day, sponsored by the National Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association (NHSRA), was held March 19 at Pomerelle Ski Resort on the Burley Ranger District. Paraplegics and amputees traded wheelchairs and crutches for sit-n-skis or monoskis and headed for the slopes with several NHSRA-certified instructors from Boise.

The instructors came at the request of Pam Heward, Statewide Coordinator for the Idaho Disabilities Coalition, to introduce alpine skiing to those who are physically challenged. Heward and other Coalition members have been working closely with Sawtooth National Forest personnel the past few months to identify recreational opportunities with barrier-free access for individuals with physical disabilities.

Doug Sato, Northwest Regional Director for NHSRA, commented, "The biggest obstacle we face in providing this training for physically-challenged students is the inaccessibility of ski facilities and lodges. When most ski areas were built, no one had any idea that the handicapped would ever want to use them. But, we are finding that there are many who want the opportunity to be here."

Sato continued, "This ski area (Pomerelle) is a good site since it provides comfortable lodge facilities for family members to wait while their skier is out on the slopes. Providing an opportunity like this to the physically challenged requires a lot of family support and it's much easier if the family can also enjoy the day."

Sato said NHSRA offers an 8-week instruction course each year for 50-75 students. There are 35 volunteers who provide skilled instruction, equipment and lift passes for handicapped individuals.

One of the certified instructors is Curt Whitcomb of Boise. Curt teaches "to expose handicapped people to a wide variety of things they can do, even if normally confined to a wheelchair."

Curt said, "The motto of the National Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association is 'If I can do this, then I can do anything.' This type of training shows physically-challenged individuals that they can still take part in a lot life has to offer."

Curt speaks from personal experience. He is a paraplegic who received a spinal injury in an automobile accident when he was a senior in high school. Curt had skied for several years before his accident and he says that helped him want to try it again with NHSRA.

Curt Whitcomb grins with anticipation. He and his monoski are ready for a great day on the ski slopes.

"After my accident, I never thought I would be up here on the ski slopes again. It was a great feeling of accomplishment the first day I got back on the chairlift," Curt said.

Curt was a sit-n-skier for seven years before trying the monoski three months ago. (The sit-n-skier sits in a special sled apparatus.) Now he teaches other physically-challenged individuals to expand their horizons.

Curt and other dedicated instructors are helping people like Jessica Williams of Twin Falls have fun on the slopes. Jessica and her parents first heard of the Handicapped Ski Day instruction clinic from the company that supplies her wheelchair.

Jessica, age 5, has been in a wheelchair for two years, following a spinal injury she received in an automobile accident. Jessica has now had her first lesson on a sit-n-ski.

After lunch at the lodge with her family, she was eager to head back to the chairlift with her instructor for another run down the mountain.

If the big smile on her face was any indication, she didn't notice the less-than-perfect spring skiing conditions. She was having too much fun doing what lots of other kindergarteners do—proving to herself that with a little encouragement, she CAN do anything.

Barbara Todd
Public Information Assistant
Sawtooth National Forest

Jessica Williams prepares for ski slope fun on a sit-n-ski.

Jessica and her sit-n-ski board the chairlift for a run down the mountain.

FOREST NEWS

Grooming Makes for a Neat Winter Experience

On Saturday, January 29, over 100 people met at the Soapstone Snowmobile Trailhead on the Kamas Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, and all came to see the new LMC trail groomer purchased by the Utah State Parks and Recreation Department through a special off-highway vehicle fund.

Following a few short speeches, participants from the Utah State Legislature, Utah Parks and Recreation Department, Forest Service, Utah Snowmobile Association, and other snowmobile enthusiasts hopped on a snowmobile for an exciting scenic ride over a new snowmobile track to Bald Mountain Summit. Then, it was back to the Soapstone Trailhead for a luncheon furnished by LMC, located in Logan, Utah.

The Wasatch-Cache National Forest welcomes the Utah State Parks and Recreation Department as a "Partner" in maintaining this scenic and popular snowmobile trail.

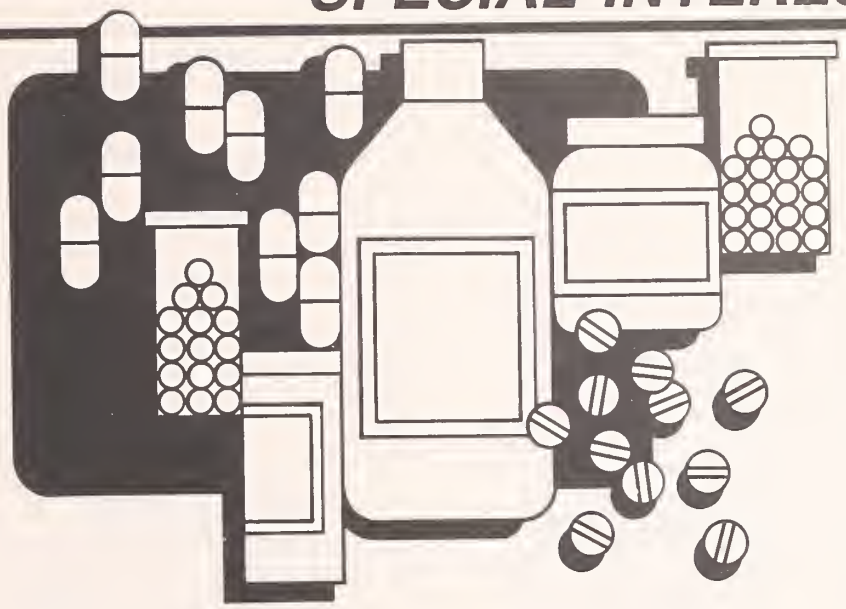
Frank Grover
Forester
Wasatch-Cache National Forest

The Utah State Parks and Recreation Department purchased this new trail groomer through a special off-highway vehicle fund.

A groomed snowmobile track.

It's time to try out the groomed snowmobile track to Bald Mountain Summit on the Kamas Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Prescription Drugs



The potential for physical or psychological drug dependency is always present among users of sedatives (also called sedative-hypnotics).

Certain painkillers (analgesics) once promoted as non-addicting narcotics turned out to lead to addiction after all. Those dependence-producing drugs include Demerol, Dilaudid, and Talwin.

The Federal Drug Abuse Warning Network reported in 1980 that 15 of 20 "most abused" drugs were prescription drugs, many recognized as habit-forming. Valium was then cited as the most abused drug. Seven years later, Valium still ranks fifth on the list of most prescribed drugs.

10 POINTERS FOR SAFE DRUG USE

•Always read the label before taking any medication to make sure you are taking the correct medicine as prescribed.

•Do not take a tranquilizer or a series of different tranquilizers for longer than four months without specific directions from your physicians.

•Arrange for regular reevaluations by the prescribing doctor to see if medication is still necessary.

•Speak out if you experience any side effects and ask for a prescription change.

•If you accidentally take an overdose, consult your doctor or get emergency medical treatment immediately.

•Store drugs in a cool, dry place. Not the bathroom medicine chest, it's subject to too much heat and moisture.

•Take as few over-the-counter medications as possible.

•Throw out old and unused drugs.

•Never, never swap medicines with friends.

•Keep all drugs out of children's reach.

From Prime Time (Published for Holy Cross Hospital)

New Publications

"The Fires of '88" by Ross W. Simpson takes the reader onto the firelines, with lively text and full-color photography on every page. A special chapter is written by David Tippets, Region 1, who chronicles the major fires that dotted the State of Montana during the summer of 1988. The price of the book, including shipping costs, is $8.70 and can be ordered from Montana Magazine, Box 5630, Helena, Montana 59604.

Copies of **"Proceedings from the Geographic Information Systems Awareness Seminar"** held at Salt Lake City, Utah, in May 1988 can be obtained from Planning and Budget in the Regional Office.

Hopefully by now, every DG user has a copy of **"The Book"**—a desktop reference for Data General and other information. This is the product of a lot of hard work and initiative on the part of Glenda Moore, Planning and Budget, Regional Office. Users will find it invaluable for information on such things as making telephone conference calls, CEO word processing and mail instructions, IS instructions, how to print from Dialcom and ever so much more.

SPECIAL INTEREST

HOST

Earlier this year, I inherited the title and duties of "Regional HOST Coordinator." With that assignment came a file drawer full of letters, directives and plans, plus a cabinet full of HOST training materials in the Information Office's basement storage room. The Agency has put out beaucoup training packages—Person-to-Person, Telephone Management, Keeping Visitors Happy, and Dealing with Angry Customers. Someone thought through and tried to develop training to cover every conceivable aspect of our service to the public.

But, are we using the training packages? I've been involved this year in meetings with Forest Service "front line" public contact employees. Many have never heard of HOST. One presenter, Georgia Higgins from the Toiyabe National Forest, brought a little tombstone-shaped sign for her "HOST Refresher" session. The sign said:

HOST
Born: June 1978
Died: December 1985
Gone But Not Forgotten

HOST was conceived here in Region 4 by some dedicated people. Endorsed by the Chief in 1978 for Service-wide application, the program's goal is "responsive public service" from all Forest Service employees. In the early 1980's, Region 4 had a HOST coordinator on every Forest, a steering committee, yearly workshops and regular HOST training on every unit.

We still have HOST coordinators and Georgia tells me "HOST is not dead everywhere; a few Forests have it on life support." HOST just started "fading away" around 1985 when the decision was made to "institutionalize" it as a part of each unit's management responsibilities.

One HOST effort that is very much alive is our Better Letter Writing courses conducted through a contract with Delpha Noble. She does an excellent job for $100 per student and she comes to the requesting unit where the training is tailored to fit the unit's specific needs. "Breathes there a Forest Service employee, at any level, that would not benefit from her course?"

Well—should we resurrect HOST? Let it rest in peace? Or bring it to life under another name? Those are the things—with your help—that I will assess as your HOST Coordinator. I took on this job because it ties in with my work with "front line" information professionals and other public service training and development.

Incidentally, I think the way we serve our "internal customers"—our fellow employees is key to our public service emphasis.

The Information Office is currently evaluating parts of our Regional Information Program. One charge is to present recommendations this fall to the Regional Leadership Team on how to develop a customer service philosophy and skills in all who deal with the public. I will evaluate HOST as part of this assessment.

So if you don't hear too much on "HOST" for awhile, just figure I am down in the basement going through all our materials! In the meantime, I'd sure like to hear from you! DG your comments to
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Outstanding Firefighter Award

Jim Cook was recently scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the monthly breakfast meeting of the Bonneville Chapter of the National Exchange Club. He was unaware that his participation actually would be twofold. At that same meeting, Jim was awarded the Club's "Outstanding Firefighter Award for 1988."

Jim is the Range Conservationist/Fire Management Officer on the Salt Lake Ranger District. Although 1988 was a very busy fire season, Jim found time to attend the National Smokey Bear Workshop. He brought back new ideas and materials which became part of his local fire prevention program.

His fire prevention efforts were many. A new brochure on urban residential fire prevention was printed and distributed by volunteers to over 1,000 residences along the Salt Lake and Davis County foothills. A new fire prevention signing program was implemented and Smokey Bear presentations were increased in schools, clubs, and parades.

Various forms of media were used to reach users of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Jim hosted two media tours explaining foothill residential fire hazards and prevention. He had several television interviews and hosted a call-in radio talk show. Several newspaper articles were published concerning fire prevention.

Thirteen firefighting agencies cooperate with Jim in his prevention efforts. The excellent working relationship he has with these cooperators was exhibited during the large, near disastrous, Emigration Canyon Fire this past year.

It is apparent why Jim was the recipient of the Exchange Club award.

Jim Cook displays the Outstanding Firefighter Award he recently received from the Bonneville Chapter of the National Exchange Club.

Washington Office Commends Two R-4 Efforts

In special ceremonies on January 25 in Washington, D.C., two Forest Service awards were made for significant efforts in Region 4.

Garth Heaton, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, was one of nine honored for outstanding work in implementing the agency's National Recreation Strategy. The Strategy involves developing partnerships with recreation organizations, industries and state and local governments to significantly increase outdoor recreation opportunities for the American public on the National Forests.

Garth's leadership efforts have been directed toward organizing a 2-day Utah Outdoor Recreation Leadership Symposium and a Statewide computerized recreation opportunity information system. He has nominated two National Scenic Byways and worked with government agencies and local communities to produce a recreation videotape and informational brochures and to construct campgrounds and trails.

The Boise Ranger District, Boise National Forest, was recognized for cooperating with numerous groups, agencies and the local community to bring significant improvements to fish and wildlife habitat on the Forest. The cost-share program resulted in rehabilitating deer winter range burned by wildfire, installing 20 goose nesting sites, and improving water distribution on the Forest to increase the turkey population. The Challenge Cost-Share plaque received by Regional Forester Tixier, in behalf of the Boise Ranger District, was one of nine such awards given during the special ceremonies on January 25.

Garth Heaton, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, (on the right), receives his Award of Excellence from F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the Forest Service. In special ceremonies in Washington, D.C., Chief Robertson said, "I want to commend Garth Heaton and the other eight people being honored for their dedicated efforts in bringing more and improved recreation opportunities to the public."

PERSONNEL

Group Goes the Extra Mile

Eight Escalante Ranger District employees received a certificate of merit and cash award for their superior performance on the Dixie National Forest during 1988. Each member of this range crew put forth extra effort to complete all projects at a very high standard.

JED SMITH, Range Technician, exceeded superior performance in planning project work schedules and completing all targeted projects even with an increased workload in lands and minerals activities.

Members of a Dixie National Forest range crew recently received a group award for completing all assigned projects at a very high standard. Shown, left to right, are Delane Griffin, Burns Osmond, Neal Liston and Doyle Moosman. Jed Smith, Lane Liston, Otto Haws and Stanley Haycock were not available when the photo was taken.

DELANE GRIFFIN AND LANE LISTON served as crew leaders. Delane retired halfway through the season and Lane took over the crew and SCSEP and YCC program responsibilities. Through Delane's and Lane's superior leadership, good working relations were maintained with each crew member despite changes in priorities and work schedules. Besides completing all projects prior to assigned deadlines, they took on an additional workload in wildlife and fisheries.

STANLEY HAYCOCK, OTTO HAWS, NEAL LISTON, DOYLE MOOSMAN and BURNS OSMOND worked in the construction of range and wildlife projects under the SCSEP program. Their performance in all phases of construction and maintenance exceeded a superior level. They took on the additional assignment of providing one-on-one training to each YCC student on the crew. YCC students enjoyed this arrangement so much they requested that they be returned to the range crew this year. Even an anticipated problem with an unmanageable student ended up a success story as he became one of the better workers.

A Move is as Good as a Rest

That old adage probably does not apply as John Burns, Forest Supervisor of the Targhee for nearly nine years, moves to the Supervisor position on the Salmon National Forest to fill in behind Dick Hauff who retired in December.

John Burns.

John has been responsible for many commendable achievements on the Targhee but he is now moving on to new challenges which give no indication of being "restful." John and his wife, Ruth, will report to their new assignment on May 5.

Bulletin Board

•The Clearwater Forest will host a "Camp Out" on July 28 and 29 for Forest Service retirees who spent career time on the Nez Perce and/or Clearwater National Forests. However, all retirees are welcome. The Beaverhead Forest is having a similar reunion on July 15-16.

•A National Grasslands Forum will be held in Bismark, North Dakota, on June 18-23. The theme is "Our National Grasslands, the next 50 years: A Range of Opportunities." It will provide all individuals interested in management of National Grasslands an opportunity to reflect on the past, assess the present and look to the future.

•The number in the January 1989 Intermountain Region Organization Directory for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest should be changed from 5034 to 5030.

PERSONNEL

Awards

REGIONAL OFFICE

WAYNE T. BEDDES, Civil Engineer, E - For superior performance in increasing the applications and use of computer technology by Engineers in the Intermountain Region.
JERRY B. JACOBY, Aerial Photographer, E - For special effort and initiative in acquiring an aerial photography aircraft and flying aerial photography in support of Forest projects.
WILDEN MOFFETT, Architect, E - For sustained superior performance.
MICHAEL LIBBY, Structural Engineer, E - For increased productivity to meet the shared service agreements with Regions 2 and 3 in addition to meeting demands of own workload plus bridge designs completed for FY 1989 (1 year in advance).
GARY GIBBONS, Architectural Technician, E - For sustained superior performance on the CAD system.
BILLY G. KEITH, Civil Engineering Tech., E - For increased productivity to meet the shared service agreements with Regions 2 and 3 in addition to meeting demands of our own workload plus bridge designs completed for FY 1989 (1 year in advance).
SUSIE BORN, Personnel Management Specialist, UNCPO - For exceptional quality work in completing classification and staffing actions necessary because of reorganization at the Geometronics Service Center.
MARYLYNN HINCKLEY, LEE OLSEN, VALERIE RUEDA, MICHELLE RIRIE, Personnel Clerks, UNCPO - For maintaining a high level of quality work under extreme pressure from a large quantity of critical work.
DEBORAH CAMPBELL, Accounting Tech., F&PS - For maintaining support to the Regional Office and Intermountain travelers during the absence of the Unit Travel Clerk while doing the jobs of Relocation Services Coordinator and providing accounting support to the Intermountain Station.
EUGENE A. WATSON, Manpower Development Specialist, PM - For achieving a superior level of performance, serving on two National Human Resource Program task forces and three details to the WO and R-5.
AL WINWARD, Regional Ecologist, received a Society for Range Management award for research on identification of various sagebrush subspecies and their ecological value in land classification.

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

GEORGE R. FRAZIER, Forester, SO - For services as the acting Timber/Fire Staff Officer.
LARRY J. ALLRED, CLARENCE J. GARDNER, KYLE JEWKES, JOHN PEARSON, RAY THOMAS, RUSSELL MULLINS, JUSTIN IORG, FAYNE OLSEN, BERNARD HADDEN, RULON WOOLEY, ALAN HEMSTREET, GAROL MOON, GARN ANDERSON, BRENT LEE, LYLE LARSEN, KRIS BOLLINGER, SUZANNE SMART, JERRY STREBEL, J. C. HUMPHREYS, RAYMOND BLANEY, DARIN THOMAS, RALPH GILES, EDGAR B. PARKER, and GARY CALDWELL, SO - For performing work on the Hades Tunnel Road restoration project. A very hazardous job was completed without injuries.
TERRY D. HOPSON, Supervisory Forester, SO - For participating in the development and publication of, "National Forests in Utah," a spectacular scenic guide in natural color.

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

JOHN P. POTYONDY, Hydrologist, RWWR - For performing assigned tasks in a manner exceeding normal requirements.
STEPHEN R. RADDATZ, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Boise RD - For outstanding support to local, Regional, and national media and for total media access.
KOLE BERRIOCHOA, Supervisory Forestry Technician, AF&L - For outstanding support to local, Regional, and national media and for total media access.
TERRY LEATHERMAN, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Boise RD - For providing superior leadership in the overall District Safety Program.
JOSEPH GALLAGHER, Archeologist, SO - For outstanding leadership and superior achievements in developing and implementing a cultural resource management program.
PHILLIP STRAUB, Forester, SO - For outstanding assistance in collecting data for updating the Forest planning process.
JANET BANNON, Computer Asst. Typist, Cascade RD - For assuming added responsibilities and workload in personnel and systems management and responding with superior performance.
JANET DAVIS, Resource Clerk Typist, Cascade RD - For outstanding performance as the Information Receptionist.
DAVID THOM, Forestry Tech., Cascade RD - For initiative in developing, implementing, and using personal computer program for timber management and business management.
DARLA YOUNG, Resource Asst., Cascade RD - For accepting added responsibilities and workload in both timber and special uses and responding with a superior level of performance.
KURT KLUEGEL and LARRY WIECHELMAN, Cascade RD - For excellence in quantity and quality of work produced during the 1988 field season in support of the District's stand exam program.
DAVID THOM, WANDA MONTGOMERY, ROBERT LOKKER, MARK LEIS, and NEIL MEYER, Cascade RD - For outstanding performance during cone collection.

CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

MARILYN G. MAIS, Forestry Aid, Lost River RD - For outstanding leadership and technical performance while leading the marking of the 9MMBF-acre Buck 'n Bid Sale.
JACK L. EBBERTS, Engineering Tech., SO - For assuming COR/ER responsibilities and for outstanding commitment in developing contract packaging for the Middle Fork Trail.
HOWARD ROSENKRANCE, Forestry Tech., Lost River RD - For his employee suggestion for wooden arch cattleguards.

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

CHEREE F. PADDOCK, Resource Clerk, SO - For demonstrating extra dedication and effort in handling timber sale accounting.
DAVID EDE, Forestry Tech., Teasdale RD - For exceptional performance in administering thinning contracts for the District.
VICKI ROSENBERG, Resource Assistant, Cedar City RD - For demonstrating outstanding skills, effort and good host attitude in all areas of resource support services resulting in outstanding service to staff, Districts and the public.
CATHERINE BARBOULETOS, Resource Specialist; DAVID BARONDEAU, Forester; PAUL FULLMER, Supervisory Forestry Technician; and VERN ROUNDY, Forester, Cedar City RD - For outstanding efforts in dealing with the timber management conflict on the District.

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

ROBERT L. STEVENS, Range Technician, Fillmore RD - For substantial accomplishment and effort in completing the Pioneer Horse Allotment Plan and his contribution to the District Road Management Plan.

MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST

JOHN NIEBERGALL, Ferron District Ranger - For outstanding effort in range improvements and maintenance efforts.
KEN RICE, Ferron RD - For extra effort in completing the resource inventories for the Lowry Water and Straight Canyon drainages.
DEAN BEHLING, Range Technician, Ferron RD - For extra effort in performing maintenance on District campgrounds and having them open for public use prior to opening date.
JOHN PATTEN, Forestry Technician, SO - For special effort as a member of an Incident Command Overhead Team during the 1987 fire season in R-5.
PAT SPAHR, Moab RD, received an extra-step award.
ED CARLSON, SO, received an extra-step award.
VERA NICKAS, Resource Clerk - For establishing and maintaining the Forest land use report, system data, and program.
TINA MOYNIER, Resource Clerk, Price RD - For superior performance from March 27 through September 30.
CLAUDIA E. MOYNIER, Budget Assistant, WAYNE BROWN, Electronics Technician, ELAINE POLLOCK, Support Services Supervisor, NEDRA COOPER, Mail and File Clerk, GEORGIA C. DROSSIS, Lead Clerk, SUSAN HUFF, Payroll Clerk, SO - For superior performance during FY 1988.
BESSIE S. PAPPAS, Resource Specialist, SO - For outstanding performance in support of all resource programs on the Forest.
JAMES JENSEN, Landscape Architect - For sustained superior performance in carrying out his duties.

Length of Service

HAROLD D. BEHLING, Range Tech., Ferron RD - 30 years

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

EARL KIMBALL, Krassel District Ranger - For support, patience and active involvement in the beginning stages of planning on the Payette.
HAROLD LAIRD, Weiser District Ranger - For support to development of the Payette National Forest Land Management Plan and participation on the Forest I.D. Team.
GENE BENEDICT, Staff Officer, Fire, Recreation and Cultural Resources - For outstanding support and cooperation in supervisory responsibilities for the Fire, Recreation and Cultural Resource section of the Payette Forest Plan.
GARY ALLEN, Staff Officer, Timber - For outstanding support and cooperation in supervisory responsibilities for the timber section of the Payette Forest Plan.
PHILIP GILMAN, Staff Officer, Planning - For leadership in developing the outstanding final Payette Forest Plan.
JOHN HOOPER, McCall District Ranger - For interest, contributions of time, and support of the District to the Forest Plan effort.
PHIL JAHN, Council District Ranger - For outstanding contributions to the soil and water sections of the Payette Forest Plan while Program Manager and for support to the completion of the final Plan while Ranger.
PETER WALKER, New Meadows District Ranger - For outstanding support and cooperation in completing the final Forest Plan.
RALPH GEIBEL, Staff Officer, Engineering - For outstanding support and cooperation in developing the Payette Forest Plan.
JERRY BLATTNER, Supervisory Forestry Tech., McCall RD - For outstanding performance in the 1988 fire season.
DUKE NORFLEET, Forestry Technician, Dispatch - For outstanding performance in the 1988 fire season.
STEVE SCHMOEGER, Civil Engineering Tech., Engineering - For superior safety performance during 1988.
JOYCE THOMPSON, Operation Research Analyst, PPI Branch, SO - For special achievement in preparing the environmental assessment for the Tailholt Administrative Research Study.
RALPH FINN, Supervisory Forester, SO - For outstanding support and cooperation in developing the Forest Plan.

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

LISA KLINGER, Business Management Clerk, Ketchum RD - For enthusiastic and competent performance.
FRANK CUTLER, Range Technician, Ketchum RD - For outstanding performance as Acting District Range Conservationist from July 17 to August 14.
GARY KETCHESON, Hydrologist, SO - For exceptional accomplishments in riparian inventory and Snake River Adjudication in addition to normally assigned duties.
MARY WAGNER, Forester, Twin Falls RD - For superior performance in managing the timber program for the Twin Falls and Burley Districts and additionally performing as Acting Fire Management Officer and participating on extra projects with outside groups.
HELEN GALVIN, Support Services Specialist, Twin Falls RD - For overall excellent work quality in all duty areas—general office management, purchasing, program planning and budgeting.
JAMES WICKEL, Range Conservationist, Burley RD - For an excellent job as interdisciplinary team leader of the Black Pine gold mine environmental assessment.
SHARON METZLER, Archeologist, TERRELL FLETCHER, Landscape Architect, DOLORES STRICKLING, Realty Specialist, ELINOR SMITH, Resource Clerk, SO - For initiative, exceptional teamwork, and sustained individual superior performance in the accomplishment of the Forest's recreation and lands programs in FY 1988.
JEFFREY FOSS, Land Use Planning Specialist, SO - For exemplary execution of regularly assigned duties in addition to Forest Planning staff duties.
NANCY ALLEN, H. NORMAL AMES, JOHN CHRISTENSEN, JAMES EDGE, JODIE GOITIANDIA, ROGER HASLAM, CHRISTOPHER HEINDEL, JOHN HOLT, NEIL JESSEN, TREVOR MITCHELL, RILEY NELSON, WALTER PALMER, TIMOTHY PATTEN, NATHANIEL SEARS and C. WILLIAM SWENSON, Bald Mountain Crew, Ketchum RD - 1988 Safety Award for the second consecutive accident-free season.
JOHN ALLSEN, JAIMIE BORTON, JOHN BORTON, BRIAN ELWAY, GARY HARPER, THOMAS PECK, PAMELA SATERDALEN, VICTGOR VAN, KATE VENTERS and WILLIAM WHITAKER, Recreation, Ket-

PERSONNEL

chum RD - 1988 Safety Award for the second consecutive accident-free season.
CAROL BROWN, JEFFREY COUPE, ELIZABETH ERIKSSON, GRETCHEN FLINT, LARRY LOFSWOLD, and BILL MURPHY, Helitack, Ketchum RD - 1988 Safety Award for the second consecutive accident-free season.
BERYL BEVERCOMBE, KEITH BROWN, WILLIAM DYER, JEFFREY ISOM, WAYNE KORNDER, JOSEPH MALLEA, EARL MCCOY, ALBERT NICHOLS, CLIFFORD NOXON, ROBERT OLSEN, LAWRENCE PAYNE, JAMES RAY, PATRICK SIGGLIN, JOHN TAYLOR and ROBERT WRIGHT, C&M CREW, KETCHUM RD - 1988 Safety Award for the second consecutive accident-free season.
RAYMOND FERREIRA, KENT MCATEE and TERESA MOELLER, Fire, Ketchum RD - 1988 Safety Award for the second consecutive accident-free season.
ANN ERICKSON, GENEVIEVE HARPER and LISA KLINGER, Ketchum RD - 1988 Safety Award for the second consecutive accident-free season.
JERRY GREEN, JAMES WICKEL, LEWIS MARTINDALE, CRAIG ZIMMERMAN, DENNIS SCHWARTZ, LARRY RANDALL, JOAN JARVIS and DENA SANTINI, Burley RD - For continued excellence in safety awareness and commitment.

TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST
MELISSA MODERI, Forestry Aid, Ashton RD - For completing approximately 3 times her normal workload to complete three timber sale packages within a very short time frame and to a very high standard during a transition period and a change of personnel.
LORRI GHORMLEY, Supervisory Personnel Assistant, IDA/WY Personnel Management - For sustained, outstanding performance as coordinator of medical compensation and claims for the Bridger-Teton NF.
JAYNE CARDENAS, Clerk-Typist, JOSLYN ALLRED, Resource Clerk, LOIS ANDERSEN, Support Services Specialist, Palisades RD - For special assistance and support of the 5 procurement teams and 3 ADO payment teams stationed at Idaho Falls RD headquarters during the 1988 fire season.
MARILYN KARY, Accounting Technician, SO, and WANDA ADAMS, Support Services Supervisor, SO - For special assistance and help to the Administrative Officer in supporting 4 ADO payment teams and 5 procurements teams during the 1988 fire season.
MARIE DAVIS, Clerk-Typist, SO - For special assistance and help to the 4 ADO payment teams assigned to the Forest during the 1988 fire season.
PAUL OAKES, Land Use Planning Spec., SO - For leadership and completion of the NEPA process for the North Fork Fire salvage sale within a constrained period of time.
ROBERT O. RILEY, Supervisory Forester, SO - For implementation of STARS and for preparing and selling the North Fork Fire salvage sale within a constrained period of time.
LEW MCVEY, Forestry Technician, Palisades RD - For superior performance in accomplishing trails maintenance targets, trails emphasis items, range, wildlife and watershed projects in 1988.
RICHARD ROBERSON, Forester, Teton Basin RD, and FREDRICK L. PECK, Forester, SO - For participation in reconnaissance, marking, cruising and area determination of the North Fork Fire salvage timber sale during inclement weather conditions. The project was completed in 12 days.

TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST
NORA RASURE, Forester, Carson RD - For involvement as chairperson on the Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperative Fire Prevention Committee.
DOROTHY CARTER, SCSEP Enrollee, Carson RD - For outstanding contribution of work in the support services section on the Carson District.
NEIL BOTTS, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Carson RD - For continued support and contribution to the Recreation, Lands and Minerals program during FY 1988.
MICHAEL GAFFNEY, Forestry Technician, Bridgeport RD - For exceptional performance and contribution to the District safety plan over the last 4 years that resulted in an accident and injury-free year in 1988.
NICK ZUFELT, Forester (Minerals), SO - For sustained superior support to the Austin Ranger District minerals program during a time of increased volume, complexity of workload, and shortage of workforce.
CARLENE WILLIS, Administrative Officer, SO - For her leadership in development through the operational stages of the Forest microwave system.
GUY PENCE, District Ranger, Carson RD - For his outstanding efforts and successes in implementing a comprehensive action plan with Alpine County.
DAVID BOOTH, Range Conservationist, Austin RD - For superior performance in developing and managing the Austin Ranger District safety program resulting in an accident-free year and recognition for the District.
DALE FLANNIGAN, DON CROMPTON, CYNTHIA ENGLEBERT, Range Conservationists, Austin RD - For exceeding normal performance requirements in the District's range program, often under adverse circumstances.
ELIZABETH BURNETT, SCSEP Enrollee, SO - For work performed above the normal expectations of an SCSEP employee.
THERESA CLARK, SCSEP Enrollee, SO - For outstanding performance in handling the day-to-day business in Law Enforcement while the Criminal Investigator was gone.
CAROLYN JONES, Accounting Technician, SO - For sustained performance in the accounting and fiscal section, with a high degree of quality and quantity during the 1988 fire season.
CLAIR HIGGINS, Forestry Technician, Carson RD - For exemplary service as fuelwood administrator and in promoting the "good host" image.
KENNETH GENZ, Supervisory Range Conservationist, SO - For providing excellent program leadership in range management and safety.
WALT GROWS, BILL VAN BRUGGEN, CLIFF SHAW, MIKE LAWRENCE, ELIZABETH MCGRAW, MAURICE CRAWFORD, BILL BRYANT, WAYNE FRYE, JACK FINLEY, SHIRLEY SCHLAEGEL, STU VOLKLAND, DON ROBBINS, LORENZO STOWELL, PAUL BRUGGER, PEGGY DE LORIA, KAMA ROWLEY, RICHARD DOLPHIN, BOB SHOEMAKER, JON LEE, MARK MANDA, Bridgeport RD - For exceptional performance and contribution to the District safety plan over the last 4 years, that resulted in an accident and injury-free year in 1988.
GENE KALDHUSDAL, DAVE WEBB, ANN KINNEY, Forestry Technicians, SO - For outstanding work in implementing completely new procedures at the Eastlake Interagency Communications Center.
DOYLE HANKS, Forester, SO - For superior performance in overall duties for FY 1988.

Roll Call

REGIONAL OFFICE
Promotion
VALERIE RUEDA, Personnel Clerk (Typing) to Personnel Clerk, UT/NV Personnel Office.

Reassignment
RONALD BELL, Aviation Management Officer, A&FM, from Aviation Management Officer, R-2

Transfer Out
HOWARD WEBB, Supervisory Computer Spec., IS, to Supervisory Computer Spec., Glen Canyon National Park

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
Promotions in Place
ROSS A. MONCRIEF, Forester, Vernal RD
DOLORES MANNING, Accounting Technician, SO

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
Appointment
DAVID WORAS, Civil Engineering Tech., Idaho City RD

Promotions
ROBIN METZ, Range Conservationist, Umatilla NF, to Range Conservationist, Lowman RD
JUDITH SILVA, Accounting Technician, SO, to Accounting Technician, Six Rivers NF
GREG SPANGENBERG, Management Analyst, SO, to Land Management Planner, SO
ANN BERGLUND, Lead Forestry Tech., Idaho City RD, to Biological Tech., North Fork RD, Clearwater NF

Promotions in Place
JOYCE FERRICK, Accounting Technician, SO-AO
MELINDA GUERRERO, Student Trainee (Business Management), Lowman RD

Reassignments
KATHERINE SCHIEPAN, Landscape Architect, SO-RWWR, to Supervisory Landscape Architect, Boise RD
MONTE MILLER, Range Technician, Lowman RD, to Range Technician, Boise RD

Reinstatement
JAMES CIARDELLI, Forestry Technician, Emmett RD

Retirement
RAY E. HOUSE, Maintenance Worker, SO

Transfer In
RONALD NEFF, Soil Scientist, Minnesota Soil Conservation Service, to Forester, Lowman RD

Transfer Out
KRISTIN MEYER, Realty Specialist, Idaho City RD, to Civil Engineering Tech., Bureau of Reclamation in Boise

BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST
Promotions
LAURA OLOFSON, Clerk Typist, Buffalo RD, to Resource Clerk, Buffalo RD
WILLIAM FOURNIER, Accounting Technician, SO, to Support Services Specialist, Buffalo RD

Promotions In Place
LARRY ANDRYSCO, Purchasing Agent, SO
MARSHALL MARTIN, Laborer, WO

Reassignments
GEORGE WALKER, Wildlife Biologist, Medicine Bow NF, to Wildlife Biologist, Kemmerer RD
DONALD RIVERS, Civil Engineer, SO, to Supervisory Civil Engineer, SO
HAROLD KEHR, Budget Analyst, SO, to Supervisory Budget Analyst, Ft. Collins, Colorado
MARVIN GIESE, Forester, Big Piney RD, to Forester, Custer NF
PAUL BUTLER, Range Conservationist, Kemmerer RD, to Outdoor Recreation Planner, Superior NF

CARIBOU NATIONAL FOREST
Promotion
ADRIENNE CHRISTOPHER, Supervisory Computer Spec., SO, to Supervisory Computer Programmer Analyst, SO

Promotions in Place
BOYD COOK, Mining Engineer Tech., Soda Springs RD
JAY D. KING, Range Conservationist, Soda Springs RD

Retirement
D. KEITH BARTHLOME, Range Tech., Soda Springs RD

CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
Appointment
JOHN J. MILLER, Maintenance Mechanic, SO

Promotion in Place
DIANA K. ATWOOD, Support Services Spec., Lost River RI

Reassignments
JILL M. TOFFLEMIRE, Forestry Aid, Challis RD, to Forestry Aid, SO
TONI KAY SULLIVAN, Support Services Specialist, Challis RD, to Resource Assistant, SO

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST
Appointments
ROBERT J. FILLMORE, Forestry Technician, Teasdale RD
DANIEL J. DUFFIELD, Fisheries Biologist, SO

Promotion in Place
KIM J. SOPER, Forestry Technician, Powell RD

Reassignment
LYNN W. OTT, Property Services Specialist, USDA Administrative Services, Washington, DC, to Administrative Officer, SO

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST
Promotion in Place
NANCY K. LANDRETH, Geologist, Ely RD

PERSONNEL

MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST

Appointment
BECKY J. HAMMOND, Geologist, SO

Promotion
KEN RICE, Information Receptionist, Ferron RD, to R-6

Promotions in Place
CAROL RIDING, Ferron RD
KATHRYN HALAMANDARIS, Price RD

Retirement
DON S. PETERSEN, Engineering Equipment Operator Foreman

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Appointments
SUSAN STAFFORD, Forester, New Meadows RD
JANEL MCCURDY, Forester, Council RD

Promotions
WILLIAM S. BUSHER, Range Technician, New Meadows RD, to Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD
MARY BETH KNOX, Clerk-Typist, SO, to Business Management Clerk, SO
VICKI WARD, Clerk-Typist, Weiser RD, to Information Receptionist, Weiser RD
PAM GARDNER, Writer-Editor, SO

Promotions in Place
JUDY SOMMERFELD, Budget Analyst, SO
PATTY JACOBSEN, Information Receptionist, SO
JUDY MATHIS, Mail and File Clerk, SO
JOANNE FRY, Clerk-Typist, Council RD
MICHELLE CROGH, Resource Clerk, Council RD

Reassignments
DAVE THOM, Forestry Technician, Cascade RD, to Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD
DENNIS BOLES, Supervisory Civil Engineer, SO, to Civil Engineer, South Fork Road Project
DAVID KENNELL, Hydrologist, Ashley NF, to Hydrologist, SO-RWW&M
PATTI STIEGER, Forestry Technician, Nezperce NF, to Forestry Technician, Krassel RD
JIMMIE RUSKA, Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD, to Forester, SO
MICHAEL WARE, Forester, Council RD, to Forester, Siuslaw NF
JENNIE BUTTS, Hydrologist, SO, to Hydrologist, Mt. Hood NF
CINDY CALBAUM, Forestry Technician, Council RD, to Forester, Apache-Sitgreaves NF
JEFF FEE, Archeologist, SO, to Archeologist, Clearwater NF
MARK SIGRIST, Supervisory Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD, to Forester, New Meadows RD
CONNIE HUBBARD, Coop Ed Forester, New Meadows RD, to Coop Ed Forester, Wallowa Whitman NF

Resignation
JAMES DIEDERICH, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Smokejumpers

SALMON NATIONAL FOREST

Promotion
NANCY RUSSELL, Visitor Information Tech., Arapaho and Roosevelt NF, to Civil Engineering Tech., SO

Resignation
PHILIP J. BOGEN, Supervisory Forester, Salmon RD

Retirement
DENNIS GOUGH, Supervisory Forestry Tech., Cobalt RD

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

Promotion
SHARON METZLER, Archeologist, SO, to Archeologist, Manti-LaSal NF

Promotion in Place
GLADYS HAMILTON, Clerk, SO, to Mail and File Clerk, SO

Reassignment
LARRY ZAJANC, Forestry Technician, SO, to Forestry Technician, Targhee NF

TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Appointments
DOUGLAS PAGE, JR., Forester, Ashton RD
LINDA MERIGLIANO, Forestry Tech., Teton Basin RD

Promotions
WAYNE BUSHNELL, Forestry Technician, Island Park RD, to Forestry Technician, R-10
LARRY KENT, Forester, Ashton RD, to Forester (Interdisciplinary), Routt NF
NANCY ROSS, Forester, Ashton RD, to Supervisory Forester, Ashley NF
EVELYNN HURT, Personnel Clerk, IDA/WY Personnel Management, to Payroll Technician, IDA/WY Personnel Management

Promotions in Place
JACKIE YOUNG, Mail and File Clerk, SO
KAREN O'LEARY, Forestry Technician, Island Park RD
ALISSA WILSON, Civil Engineering Technician, Island Park RD
DONNA WINTERS, Clerk-Typist, SO

Reassignments
RONALD WRIGHT, Soil Scientist, Palisades RD, to Soil Scientist, White River NF
RICHARD CAISSIE, Forester, Ashton RD, to Forester (Interdisciplinary), Arapaho/Roosevelt NF
SCOTT BATES, Forestry Technician, Island Park RD, to Forester, Dubois RD
DEBRA BUSTER, Clerk-Typist, Ashton RD, to Personnel Clerk (Typist), IDA/WY Personnel Management
LARRY ZAJANC, Supervisory Forest Technician, Sawtooth NF, to Palisades RD
SUSAN HEALD, Forester, Allegheny NF, to Forester, Ashton RD

TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

Appointments
KAREN A. BAGGETT, Public Affairs Specialist, SO, from Nevada Water Resource Association
ERIN S. O'CONNOR-HENRY, Information Receptionist, Bridgeport RD
THOMAS FROLLI, Range Conservationist, Austin RD
RODNEY CASSIDY, Ecologist, Tonopah RD
ROBERT SHOEMAKER, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Bridgeport RD
JONATHAN LEE, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Bridgeport RD
JANELL MOUSSEAU, Forestry Technician, Las Vegas RD

Promotions
BARRY DAVIS, Resources Staff, SO, to Forest Supervisor, Shoshone NF, R-2
JOHN HAUGH, Forester, Gila NF, R-3, to Forester, Bridgeport RD
MEI TING MARK, Wildlife Biologist, R.O. R-5, to Wildlife Biologist, Bridgeport RD
WALTER GROWS, Range Conservationist, Bridgeport RD, to Assistant District Ranger, Island Park RD, Targhee NF
KIM MARSHALL, Forester, Targhee NF, to District Ranger, Las Vegas RD
JACK FINLEY, Forestry Technician, Las Vegas RD, to Supervisory Forestry Technician, Bridgeport RD
ROBERT JENNINGS, Supervisory Forestry Tech., Tahoe NF, R-5, to Supervisory Forestry Tech., Carson RD
NANCY SNYDER, Clerk-Typist to Resource Clerk, Carson RD
DAVID NIEHAUS, Forester Trainee to Forester, Carson RD
MIKE LAWRENCE, Range Conservationist, to ID Range Conservationist, Bridgeport RD
LARRY RALEY, Supervisory Forester, Willamette NF, Detroit RD, R-6, to Supervisory Forester/Mining Engineer/Geologist, Austin RD

Promotion in Place
LUCILLE CAMPBELL, Support Services Spec., Austin RD

Reassignment
THERESA M. FROLLI, Range Conservationist, Freemont NF, to Range Conservationist, Austin RD

Transfers In
GRACE NEWELL, Forestry Technician, San Bernadino NF, to Lead Forestry Technician, Carson RD
MARY TOTH, Tongass NF-Stikine Area, R-10, to Support Services Specialist, Las Vegas RD
DEE SESSIONS, Forester, Carson RD, to Assistant District Ranger, Ashton RD, Targhee NF
TOM WAGNER, Ashton RD, Targhee NF, to Forester, Carson RD
GARY HELSEL, Carson RD, to Forestry Tech., Boise NF
BARRY STERN, SO, to Forester, Carson RD
CRAIG WORKMAN, Truckee RD, Tahoe NF, R-5, to Supervisory Forestry Technician (IR Crew Foreman), Carson RD

Transfers In
DIANA STAGER, Range Conservationist, Bridgeport RD, from BLM in Elko, Nevada
CLAUDE O. MARSH, Dispatch Center Director, SO, from BLM
MARK BLANKENSOP, BLM, to Supervisory Forestry Technician, Las Vegas RD
WAIVE STAGER, BLM, to Range Conservationist, Bridgeport RD

Retirements
LENA ALBRIGHT, Support Services Specialist, Tonopah RD
MAURICE CRAWFORD, Forestry Tech., Bridgeport RD
BOB WIZE, District Ranger, Las Vegas RD

UINTA NATIONAL FOREST

Promotion
KARYL S. GEORGIO, Support Services Supervisor, Heber RD, to Supervisory Budget Analyst, SO

Reassignments
JAMES B. KELLER, Forestry Technician, Superior RD, to Forestry Technician, Pleasant Grove RD
JANICE TAYLOR, Resource Assistant, SO, to Procurement Assistant, GSC

WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST

Promotion in Place
GLEN CASAMASSA, Forester, Ogden RD

Dick Stauber, Forest Supervisor of the San Bernardino National Forest in Region 5 since 1984, has been appointed Forest Service Director of the Boise Interagency Fire Center (BIFC) effective April 1. BIFC coordinates the national wildfire efforts of six federal agencies—Forest Service, Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Weather Service. Dick is a native of Pocatello, Idaho, and began his Forest Service career on the Boise National Forest. He also served as the Public Affairs Officer in the Information Office (RO).

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HISTORY

Podunk Guard Station Restoration

"Restoring the old Podunk Guard Station is one of the high points of my life," said Vern Kuper, Vixsby, Oklahoma, who volunteered his time and talent to assist in the restoration of the 60-year-old structure. The station was completed in 1928 at a cost of $270.

Kuper, a retired general building contractor, said the old timers really knew how to build. He said the building's framework was in perfect shape and that the only bad portions were a leaky roof which was taken care of by new shingles, a few feet of floor near the door that had broken out, broken windows, and worn paint.

Jake Bagnell, a Forest Technician with the Powell District of the Dixie National Forest who obtained the supplies for the project, said, "I was astounded when I discovered some of the original paint in a storage area. I was further amazed when we opened it to find it was still usable and Kuper said it went on smoothly.

Jake was able to come up with enough matching flooring to complete the floor work.

The building is 16 feet square and the building proper is 9 feet tall. To keep snow from accumulating on the roof, it is peaked at 24 feet. The cabin is situated in a grove of towering pine that were mere sapplings when the station was built.

Kuper said his trip to southern Utah and the opportunity to restore such a fine old building was a wonderful experience.

Carl Guillette, District Ranger, said the Powell Ranger District received a $3,000 grant to assist in the restoration of the station from the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association.

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Before and after shots of the Podunk Guard Station. (Photo credit: Marian Jacklin)

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